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1. French urge US "defense on Rhine" statement--An important member of the French Assembly has informed US Ambassador Bruce in Paris that the Assembly Committee on the Atlantic Pact plans to bring the Pact before the parliamentary group as soon as it has been ratified by the US Senate. The French official urges that at the time of Senate ratification, a strong declaration be made that US strategy contemplates the defense of Western Europe on the Rhine, not at the Pyrenees. The parliamentary leader explains that the French consider it of paramount importance to locate the headquarters of central military planning under the Pact in Washington rather than in London, in order to overcome traditional differences in policy between the UK and the continental powers.

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